

SAINTS MARKELLA AND DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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During the reign of Maximian, about the year 289, Antiochus the Commander-in-Chief of the Roman forces sent Andrew with many other soldiers against the Persians, who had overrun the borders of the Roman dominion. Saint Andrew persuaded his men to call upon the Name of Christ, and when they had defeated the Persians with unexpected triumph, his soldiers believed in Christ with him. Antiochus, learning of this, had them brought before him. When they confessed Christ to be God, he had Andrew spread out upon a bed of iron heated fiery hot, and had the hands of his fellow soldiers nailed to blocks of wood. Antiochus then commanded some thousand soldiers to chase the Saints beyond the borders of the empire. Through the instructions of Saint Andrew, these soldiers also believed in

Christ. At the command of Antiochus, they were all beheaded in the mountain passes of the Taurus mountains of Cilicia.

WORSHIP GUIDE

August 19, 2018

Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode 3

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Apolytikion for the Dormition of the Theotokos, Mode 1

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy dormition, thou didst forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

Troparion of St. Markella, Mode 1

Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to His divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you. O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to Him who has given you strength, Glory to Him who has crowned you, Glory to Him who works healings through you to everyone.

Troparion of St. Demetrios, Mode 3

The world found in you a great champion in danger. A victor who could turn the nations back. As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage. Therefore, Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God, to grant us great, great mercy!

Kontakion for the Dormition of the Theotokos, Mode 2

The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions and an unfailling hope in her mediations. For as Mother of Life she was translated to life by Him who dwelt in her ever virgin womb.

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46 (47).

Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

The Reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

TODAY IN OUR PARISH

12th Sunday of St. Matthew
Greek Festival Chairpersons Meeting
Greek Dance Practice

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 20th

Festival Cooking: Kataifi Serai 9:30 am

Tuesday, August 21st

Festival Cooking: Kataifi Serai & Pastitsio 9:30 am

Wednesday, August 22nd

Festival Cooking: Pastitsio 9:30 am

Sunday, August 26th

13th Sunday of St. Matthew
Orthros 9 am
Liturgy 10 am
Greek Dance Practice

Coffee Hour Host: *Cookie Kostopoulos*
Next Week's Hosts: *Open*

Ushers and Greeters: *Cookie Kostopoulos, Steve Paros,
Jeanette Rosa, and Mark Simunovich*

Altar Boys: *Elias Arvanitakis, Zacharias Fletcher, Nicolai Kasch,
Jonathan Morgan, Jack Pugh,
Constantine Sneider, and Efstathios Sneider*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. ELIAS IN FOR CONFESSIONS SEPTEMBER 15

We are very grateful to Fr. Elias Stephens of Annunciation Greek Orthodox church in Mobile, AL for visiting us on Saturday, September 15th from 9am to Noon to hear Confessions. Please contact the office for scheduling if you would like to come in.

GREEK FESTIVAL COOKING SCHEDULE 2018

Kataifi Serai	Monday & Tuesday, August 20 - 21 9:30 am
Pastitsio	Tuesday & Wednesday, August 21 - 22 9:30 am
Tsatsiki	Monday & Tuesday, August 27 - 28. 9:30 am
Chicken Cutting	Wednesday, August 29 6 pm

GREEK FESTIVAL MEETING SUNDAY AUGUST 19

All Festival area chairpersons are asked to attend a Festival Meeting today after Coffee Hour.

Help us to get the word out for the Festival!! Kindly consider adding the Greek Festival to your own Facebook page. Festival dates are August 31, September 1 & 2. Location is the Emerald Coast Convention Center in Fort Walton Beach.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest “Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

The beginning of the service may be found on page 1 of the small red book entitled *The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*. Each Sunday the Epistle, Gospel, and certain hymns change to express what is being celebrated that day. This guide has them printed out for you so you may follow along more easily.

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your presence. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Thomas in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience. Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. Our reverence is serious, but also very joyful as well.

Please ask one of the attendants in the Narthex (the back of the church) if you have any questions. May God continue to bless and keep all of us.

PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Please bring names of your loved ones, both living and deceased, so the priest may pray for them. We pray for all people. With Divine Liturgy, the names of the Orthodox are commemorated during the Proskomidi (the Preparation of the Gifts) and during Liturgy.

Erica Ailes	Jim Hobson	Butch Otis
Katia Antonis	Jake Hoskin	Janice Parton
Gene & Alexis Bass	Ben Howard	Anastas Pazevic
Ruth Briggs	Cleopatra Hughes & Family	Wes Picard
The Boltz Family	Nancy Janos	Tina Puffer
Lark Tringas Bostick	Raymond Paul Johnson	Edward Scruggs & Family
Kathy Bowdoin & Family	Katheryn Kaffoglou	Constantine Sneider
Mary Ann Carr	Mary Spiridoula Kalista	Steve Stephanopoulos
Litsa Carrion	Philip Kanellopoulos	Stanojka Stevanovic
Vonni Cobb	Sheree Kanellopoulos	David Stewart
Angela Walters Comfort	George Karov	Janet Sutherland
Max Copeland	Craig Kasch	Col. Philip Trexler
Bob & Ronnie Coradoza	Georgie Kasch	Sue and John Tullis
Jamie Douglas	Carl Kruljac	Lou Vagias, Sr.
Fr. George Dursa	Atticus LaRoe	Dana Visoiu
Dorothy Eshelman	Julie Mamani	Badra Walters
Zachary Fletcher	Angela McBroom	
John Griffith	Ariel McBroom	All service men and women
Lynne Griffith	Nicholas McBroom	who are deployed overseas
Chrissy Henderson	George Michas	
Angela Hlavity	Joey Newborn	

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STEWARDSHIP 2018

The following individuals/families have submitted a Pledge Card for 2018:

Charles & Margaret Abbate
Joseph Abbate
Alexandr Balan and Nikolina Nisiewicz
Darin Bell
Betty Jo Billups
George & Lia Boltz
Tim & Vicki Boolos
Vonni Cobb
Harold & Anita Diamond
Trina Fallon
Scott & Lynne Fehrenbach
Keith & Rebecca Fletcher
Zachary Fletcher
Malpa Fuller
Nadina Garbu
Alan & Mary Gardner
Peter and Kathryn Gardner
Alexander Lena & Erik Giannios
Terri Grammas
Nick and Linda Holoviak
Susan Horner
Alexandra Jazayeri
Frederick & Panagiota Johnson
George & Julia Karov
Craig & Mariya Kasch
Barbara "Cookie" Kostopoulos
Helen Kuritz
Alexandra LaRoche
Paul & Candace Lamitina
Alexandr & Cristina Iurencu
Dr. & Mrs. George Michas
Dr. Paul & Julie Michas

Thomas Michas
Louis & Maria McCloud
Constantin & Virginia Mitul
Connie Morgan
Matthew & Megan Morgan
Margaret Morrison
Andrew Nicolopoulos
Joe & Despina O'Neil
Patricia Overholt
Cristian & Adriana Parfene
Ed and Michelle Parimuha
Steve & Veta Paros
Nicholas & Tanya Papadopoulos
Anastas & Betsy Pazevic
Dale & Molly Perkins
The Pugh Family
Giani Purcea & Roxanna Donica
Jeannette Rosa
Joan Salazar
Veaceslav & Oxana Sestovschi
Mark & Iris Simunovich
Michael & Alexandra Sneider
Angelos & Katrina Thomas
Ion & Elena Titu
Karl & Sandy Trammell
Alex & Susan Tringas
Lou Vagias Sr.
Nicholas & Candace Vlahos
John Walker
Joyce & Harold Walter
Mary Walters

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)